Approval of Safety Equipments by BIS

3393. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that safety equipments installed on buildings, airports, etc. are not approved by Bureau of Indian Standards in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for installation of such unapproved equipments; and

(c) when such equipments would be removed and approved equipments installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has formulated a large number of Indian Standards for safety equipments which may be installed on buildings, airport etc. Out of these, three standards relating to electrical accessories like circuit breakers are covered under BIS Mandatory Certification Scheme. The concerned construction agencies are responsible for installation of approved safety equipments in buildings, airports etc.

Liberalising Retail Trade Sector

3394. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which Government are emphasizing on liberalizing the retail trade sector in India; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to protect the livelihood of this huge section of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Liberalization of the retail trade sector is being emphasized in order to remove the impediments to higher growth of the retail trade sector with a view to, *inter-alia*, achieving improvements in the quality of